



Docket No. 70904.49584

H/A
10/23/02
Ned

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: MIZUTANI, et al. **EXAMINER:** V. Manoharan
SERIAL NO. 09/506,713 **GROUP:** 1764
FILED: February 18, 2000
FOR: PERFORATED TRAY WITHOUT DOWNCOMER,
PERFORATED TRAY TOWER WITHOUT DOWNCOMER
AND METHOD OF DISTILLATION

RECEIVED
OCT 21 2002
TC 1700 MAIL ROOM

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: **BOX AMENDMENT**, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on 10-11, 2002.

By: Denise A Rose
DENISE A. ROSE

BOX AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please ~~cancel~~ claims 8, 11 and 13, and amend the remaining claims as follows.

1 (amended). A perforated tray without downcomer provided with a

A plurality of holes, wherein